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Appln. No. 10/715,089

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An elevated toilet seat assembly mountable on a toilet bowl having an upper rim, a rear portion of the toilet bowl attaches to a water closet and a front portion of the toilet bowl extends away from the water closet, the toilet seat assembly comprising:
 - a) a mounting bracket having a base portion connectable to the toilet bowl, said base portion having a first end portion which extends beyond the perimeter of the upper rim when the mounting bracket is attached to the toilet bowl, and a first attachment element extending from a front edge of the first end portion of the mounting bracket toward the front portion of the toilet bowl; and
 - b) a seating ring including a riser engageable with the upper rim of the toilet bowl, and a second attachment element releasably engageable with the first attachment element.
2. (currently amended) The toilet seat assembly of claim 1 wherein the base portion further comprises a second end portion opposite said first end portion, and said mounting bracket further comprises two a first attachment elements element extending from a front edge of the first and second end portions portion of the mounting bracket toward the front portion of the toilet bowl; and said seating ring further comprises two a second attachment elements element formed on the seating ring which are releasably engageable with the first attachment elements element extending from the second end portion.

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3. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 2 wherein the first attachment elements are spaced apart from one another sufficiently to provide access to the base portion for attachment of a standard toilet seat.

4. (previously amended) An elevated toilet seat assembly mountable on a toilet bowl having an upper rim, the toilet seat assembly comprising:

a mounting bracket having a base portion connectable to the toilet bowl, at least on end portion attached to the base portion and extending beyond the perimeter of the upper rim when the mounting bracket is attached to the toilet bowl, and a first attachment element connected to the end portion of the mounting bracket; and

a seating ring including a riser engageable with the upper rim of the toilet bowl, and a second attachment element releasably engageable with the first attachment element;

wherein the first attachment element comprises a jaw and a latch extending from the end portion of the bracket in spaced relation to one another to define a receiving socket therebetween.

5. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 4 wherein one of the jaw and latch is flexible to permit entry and exit of the second attachment element to and from the receiving socket.

6. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 4 wherein the second attachment element comprises a catch formed on the seating ring for releasable engagement with the jaw and latch by means of entry to and exit from the receiving socket.

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7. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 6 wherein the seating ring includes a receptacle for receiving the jaw and a pocket for receiving the latch, the catch being defined between the receptacle and the pocket.

8. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 4 wherein the latch comprises a base plate and an upstanding pawl connected to the base plate.

9. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 8 wherein the pawl extends toward the jaw.

10. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 9 wherein the pawl has a front edge that is beveled on the side opposite the receiving socket.

11. (previously amended) An elevated toilet seat assembly mountable on a toilet bowl having an upper rim, the toilet seat assembly comprising:

a) a mounting bracket having a base portion connectable to the toilet bowl, and a first attachment element; and

b) a seating ring including a riser engageable with the upper rim of the toilet bowl, and a second attachment element releasably engageable with the first attachment element, one of the first and second attachment element comprising a jaw and a latch extending in spaced relation to one another to define a receiving socket therebetween, and the other of the first and second attachment elements comprising a catch for releasable engagement with the jaw and latch by means of entry to and exit from the receiving socket.

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12. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 11 wherein the mounting bracket further comprises first and second end portions attached to the base portion opposite said one end portion.

13. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 12 further comprising an additional first attachment element, the two first attachment elements being connected to the first and second end portions, and an additional second attachment element formed on the seating ring, the two second attachment elements being releasably engageable with the first attachment elements.

14. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 13 wherein the first attachment elements are spaced apart from one another sufficiently to provide access to the base portion for attachment of a standard toilet seat.

15. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 11 wherein one of the jaw and latch is flexible to permit entry and exit of the second attachment element to and from the receiving socket.

16. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 15 further comprising an elastomeric pad disposed between the base portion and said one of the jaw and latch.

17. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 11 wherein said other of the first and second attachment elements includes a receptacle for receiving the jaw and a pocket for receiving the latch, the catch being defined between the receptacle and the pocket.

18. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 11 wherein the latch comprises a base plate and an upstanding pawl connected to the base plate.

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19. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 18 wherein the pawl extends toward the jaw.

20. (original) The toilet seat assembly of claim 19 wherein the pawl has a front edge that is beveled on the side opposite the receiving socket.

21. (currently amended) An elevated toilet seat for removable engagement with a toilet bowl having an upper rim, a rear portion of the toilet bowl attaches to a water closet and a front portion of the toilet bowl extends away from the water closet, said toilet seat comprising:

a) a mounting bracket removably attachable to the toilet bowl and including a first attachment element extending from a front edge of an end portion of the mounting bracket toward the front portion of the toilet bowl; and

b) a seating ring including a riser, a second attachment element and a pair of wings extending from the sides of said seating ring, the first attachment element being releasably engageable with the second attachment element.

22. (previously amended) An elevated toilet seat for removable engagement with a toilet bowl having an upper rim, said toilet seat comprising:

a) a mounting bracket removably attachable to the toilet bowl and including a first attachment element; and

b) a seating ring including a riser, a second attachment element and a pair of wings extending from the sides of said seating ring, the first attachment element being releasably engageable with the second attachment element, wherein the first attachment element comprises a jaw and a latch.

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23. (original) The elevated toilet seat of claim 22 wherein the latch is removably attached to the mounting bracket.

24. (original) The elevated toilet seat of claim 21 wherein the second attachment element includes a receptacle and a pocket which define a catch therebetween.

25. (previously amended) The elevated toilet seat of claim 24 wherein the catch further comprises a lip on the underside thereof.

26. (cancelled)

27. (cancelled)

28. (currently amended) The elevated toilet seat of claim 26 21 wherein said external apparatus is the wings further contain openings for attachment of an auxiliary basket.

29. (cancelled)

30. (cancelled)